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## texas state fact sheet

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As of July 16, 2004

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### Population

Variable	State	Metro *	Nonmetro *
Population			
1980	14,225,513	11,729,233	2,496,280
1990	16,986,510	14,364,607	2,621,903
2000	20,851,820	17,944,548	2,907,272
2003 (latest)	22,118,509	19,171,769	2,946,740

For more information on Texas population, see the [County-Level Population Data](#) or the [Rural Population and Migration Briefing Room](#) or contact [John Cromartie](#), 202-694-5421.

### Income

Variable	State	Metro *	Nonmetro *
Per-capita income (2002 dollars)			
2001	29,931	31,160	22,159
2002	29,039	30,158	21,847
Percent change	-3.0	-3.2	-1.4
Earnings per job (2002 dollars)			
2001	42,969	45,152	26,353
2002	41,947	44,090	25,670
Percent change	-2.4	-2.4	-2.6

### Poverty rate (percent)

1979	14.7	13.7	19.1
1989	18.1	17.1	23.5
1995	18.5	17.9	22.1
Latest (1999)	15.4	14.8	18.7

For more information on Texas poverty rates, see the [County-Level Poverty Rates data page](#) or the [Rural Income, Poverty, and Welfare Briefing Room](#) or contact [Dean Jolliffe](#), 202-694-5430

### Employment

Variable	State	Metro *	Nonmetro *
Total number of jobs			
2001	12,301,796	10,873,279	1,428,517
2002	12,325,383	10,891,228	1,434,155
Unemployment rate (percent)			
2002	6.3	6.3	6.3
2003	6.8	6.8	6.5

For more information on Texas unemployment rates, see the [County-Level Unemployment and Median Household Income data page](#) or the [Rural Labor and Education Briefing Room](#) or contact [Lorin Kusmin](#), 202-694-5429

### Percent employment change

2000-2001	1.0	1.1	0.1
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2001-2002	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1
2002-2003	1.6	1.5	2.5
Percent of 2000 employment in farm and farm-related jobs			
Total	15.6	14.0	28.2
Production	2.4	1.0	12.5
Farm inputs	0.2	0.2	0.6
Processing & marketing	1.3	1.1	3.0
Wholesale & retail trade	11.2	11.1	11.2
See the complete <a href="#">Farm and Farm-Related Employment data for Texas</a> or contact <a href="#">Alex Majchrowicz</a> , 202-694-5355.			

\* Metro and nonmetro definitions are based on the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) June 2003 classification. See "[New Definitions in 2003](#)" in the [Measuring Rurality Briefing Room](#) for more information.

For more information on socioeconomic conditions see the [Rural Emphasis Page](#), or contact [Tim Parker](#), 202-694-5435.

## 1992, 1997 and 2002 Census of Agriculture

Variable	1992	1997	2002
Total land area (million acres)	167.63	167.63	167.55
Total farmland (million acres)	130.89	133.96	129.88
Percent of total land area	78.1	79.9	77.5
Cropland (million acres)	36.38	39.05	38.66
Percent of total farmland	27.8	29.2	29.8
Percent in pasture	30.4	31.3	33.5
Harvested Cropland (million acres)	18.14	20.36	17.75
Percent irrigated	12.8	13.9	11.8
Woodland (million acres)	5.09	5.47	5.65
Percent of total farmland	3.9	4.1	4.4
Percent in pasture	77.6	72.4	74.4
Pastureland (million acres)	87.80	86.95	83.40
Percent of total farmland	67.1	64.9	64.2
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. (million acres)	1.61	2.49	2.17
Percent of total farmland	1.2	1.9	1.7
Conservation and organic practices			
Farmland in conservation or wetlands reserve programs (million acres)	2.47	3.70	3.30
Percent of total farmland	1.9	2.8	2.5
Certified organic farms, all commodities (number)	N/A	N/A	1,604
Value of all organic commodities sold (\$1,000's)	N/A	N/A	15,183
Certified organic farms, crops (number)	N/A	N/A	447
Land used to raise certified organic crops (acres)	N/A	N/A	33,612
Average farm size (acres)	725	587	567
Farms by size (percent)			
1 to 99 acres	39.8	46.6	48.3
100 to 499 acres	36.9	34.8	33.7

500 to 999 acres	10.4	8.6	8.1
1000 to 1,999 acres	7.0	5.4	5.3
2,000 or more acres	5.9	4.6	4.6
Farms by sales (percent)			
Less than \$9,999	61.2	70.2	71.5
\$10,000 to \$49,999	24.0	18.0	18.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5.6	3.8	3.8
\$100,000 to \$499,999	7.9	5.9	4.9
More than \$500,000	1.5	1.7	1.5
Tenure of farmers			
Full owner (farms)	104,255	143,245	155,053
Percent of total	57.7	62.8	67.7
Part owner (farms)	54,226	60,336	55,703
Percent of total	30.0	26.4	24.3
Tenant owner (farms)	22,163	24,592	18,170
Percent of total	12.3	10.8	7.9
Farm organization			
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (farms)	158,121	201,896	210,409
Percent of total	87.5	88.5	91.9
Family-held corporations (farms)	4,212	5,057	3,842
Percent of total	2.3	2.2	1.7
Partnerships (farms)	16,182	18,658	12,720
Percent of total	9.0	8.2	5.6
Non-family corporations (farms)	681	688	456
Percent of total	0.4	0.3	0.2
Others - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (farms)	1,448	1,874	1,499
Percent of total	0.8	0.8	0.7
Characteristics of principal farm operators			
Average operator age (years)	56.1	56.0	56.9
Percent with farming as their primary occupation	47.6	40.4	53.6
Men (persons)	164,014	202,463	201,734
Women (persons)	16,630	25,710	27,192
For more information about the Census of Agriculture see the <a href="#">National Agricultural Statistics Service's</a> web page, or call 1-800-727-9540. Data from the 1992 Census of Agriculture is not adjusted for coverage. <a href="#">See "Coverage Adjustment."</a>			

#### Farm income and value added data

Variable	2001	2002
Number of farms	227,000	230,000
	Thousands \$	
Final crop output	4,361,567	4,736,154
+ Final animal output	9,301,914	8,341,548
+ Services and forestry	2,186,954	1,998,479

=	Final agricultural sector output	15,850,435	15,076,181
-	Intermediate consumption outlays	8,962,310	8,312,269
+	Net government transactions	1,204,667	483,107
=	Gross value added	8,092,792	7,247,018
-	Capital consumption	1,504,688	1,563,771
=	Net value added	6,588,104	5,683,247
-	Factor payments	2,125,474	1,996,787
	Employee compensation (total hired labor)	821,378	807,134
	Net rent received by nonoperator landlords	448,246	326,535
	Real estate and nonreal estate interest	855,850	863,118
=	Net farm income	4,462,630	3,686,460

[Value-added and farm income tables](#) are available for downloading from the ERS web page as Lotus Wk1 files. For more information contact [Roger Strickland](#), 202-694-5592.

#### Farm balance sheet as of December 31

Variable	2001	2002
	Thousands \$	
Farm assets	103,497,230	107,480,188
Real estate	82,631,889	86,074,885
Nonreal estate	20,865,341	21,405,303
Farm debt	12,475,988	12,999,731
Real estate	5,934,325	6,465,277
Nonreal estate	6,541,663	6,534,454
Equity	91,021,242	94,480,457
Ratios	Percent	
Debt/equity	13.7	13.8
Debt/assets	12.1	12.1

[Farm balance sheet tables](#) are available for downloading from the ERS web page as Lotus Wk1 files. For more information contact [Roger Strickland](#), 202-694-5592.

#### Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2002

Commodity	Value of receipts thousand \$	Percent of state total farm receipts	Percent of US value
1. Cattle and calves	5,862,734	46.3	15.4
2. Greenhouse/nursery	1,348,136	10.6	9.4
3. Cotton	974,367	7.7	25.3
4. Broilers	893,327	7.1	6.6
5. Dairy products	680,604	5.4	3.3
All commodities	12,664,912		6.6

For more details about Texas's top agriculture commodities, see [Leading commodities for cash receipts](#), or contact [Roger Strickland](#), 202-694-5592.

#### Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, FY 2003

Commodity	Rank among states	Value million \$
1. Cotton and Linters	1	802.8
2. Live Animals and Meat	3	756.1
3. Feed Grains and Products	7	316.2
4. Hides and Skins	3	282.9
5. Feeds and Fodders	2	278.2
Overall	3	3,427.8

For more information on exports see [State Export Data](#) or the [Agricultural Trade Briefing Room](#) or contact [Carol Whitton](#), 202-694-5287.

#### Top 5 counties in agricultural sales 1997

Counties	Percent of state's total receipts	Million \$
1. Castro	4.9	668.4
2. Deaf Smith	4.8	656.6
3. Parmer	4.0	550.9
4. Swisher	2.6	364.1
5. Dallam	2.6	357.0
State total		13,766.5

For more information about the Census of Agriculture see the [National Agricultural Statistics Service's](#) web page, or call 1-800-727-9540.

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